

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method comprising:
- 2 a mobile client device, on behalf of a user, submitting an identity of the user to
- 3 a messaging service, including a current location of the user;
- 4 the messaging service, in response, selecting a recipient remotely disposed
- 5 from the mobile client device and the messaging service to receive the user's
- 6 current location for information purpose, based at least in part on the identity of
- 7 the user; and
- 8 transmitting the user's current location to the selected recipient.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprising
- 2 accumulating submitted locations of the user to form an activity log of the user.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said recipient is also to receive the activity
- 2 log, and said transmitting includes transmitting said activity log..
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the activity log of the user further
- 2 comprises a duration of time at the locations visited by the user.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein submitting comprises the mobile client
2 device automatically determining at least a selected one of the user's current
3 location, and one or more bio-metric data of the user.

1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein automatically determining of the user's
2 current location comprises the mobile client device accessing a global positioning
3 system (GPS).

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises the
2 messaging service accessing a navigation web site to obtain map related
3 information, and said transmitting further comprises including said obtained map
4 related information.

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein said submitting comprises submitting
2 automatically in response to a singular user action, selecting a dedicated function
3 button or a bio-metric data of the user exceeding a pre-determined threshold.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein said transmitting is performed
2 automatically in response to a request from an empowered recipient instead.

1 10. The method of claim 1, wherein submitting comprises submitting via a
2 wireless communication connection.

1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein said selecting comprises selecting the one
2 or more recipients from a predetermined table of candidate recipients, with each
3 candidate recipient having an eligibility duration.

1 12. The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting comprises transmitting via a
2 wireless communication connection.

1 13. The method of claim 1, wherein said selecting comprises selecting a
2 transitory recipient manually input by the user at the mobile client device.

1 14. A mobile apparatus comprising:
2 a storage medium having stored therein a plurality of instructions that are
3 machine executable, wherein the executing instructions operate to submit an
4 identity of a user, and a current location of the user to a messaging service, on
5 behalf of the user, to enable the messaging service to select, in response, a
6 recipient remotely disposed from the apparatus and the message service to
7 receive the user's current location, based at least in part on the identity of the
8 user, and transmit the user's current location to the selected one or more
9 recipients; and
10 a processor coupled to the storage medium to execute the instructions.

1 15. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the executing instructions further
2 operate to accumulate submitted locations of the user to form an activity log of
3 the user.

1 16. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the executing instructions operate to
2 automatically determine at least a selected one of the user's current location, and
3 one or more bio-metric data of the user.

1 17. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the executing instructions operate to
2 access a global positioning system (GPS).

1 18. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the messaging service further
2 operates to access a navigation web site.

1 19. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the executing instructions operate to
2 submit automatically in response to a singular user action, selecting a dedicated
3 function button or a bio-metric data of the user exceeding/falling below a
4 predetermined threshold.

1 20. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the messaging service operates to
2 transmit the user's location information automatically in response to a request
3 from an empowered recipient instead.

1 21. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the executing instructions operate to
2 submit the user's current location via a wireless communication connection.

1 22. An apparatus comprising:
2 a storage medium having stored therein a plurality of instructions to
3 receive a submission of an identity of a user and a current location of the user
4 from a mobile client device of the user, to select, in response, one or more
5 recipients to receive the user's current location, based at least in part on the
6 identity of the user, and to transmit the user's current location to the selected one
7 or more recipients.

1 23. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the executing instructions further
2 operate to accumulate submitted locations of the user to form an activity log of
3 the user.

1 24. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the executing instructions further
2 operate to facilitate the user in setting up recipients eligible to receive the user's
3 current location.

1 25. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the executing instructions further
2 operate to facilitate the user in setting eligibility durations for the recipients.

1 26. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the executing instructions further
2 operate to access a navigation web site to obtain map related information to
3 include the map related information with said current location of the user.

1 27. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the executing instructions operate to
2 receive said identity and current location of the user submitted automatically in
3 response to a singular user action, selecting a dedicated function button or a bio-
4 metric data exceeding/falling below a predetermined threshold.

1 28. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the executing instructions further
2 operate to transmit the user's current location automatically in response to a
3 request from an empowered recipient instead.

1 29. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the executing instructions take into
2 consideration candidate recipients' eligibility duration when performing said
3 selection of recipients. .

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1 30. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the executing instructions further
2 operate to receive from the mobile client device, the user's bio-metric data, and
3 transmitting the bio-metric data to one or more eligible recipients.